

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN KIM GILLAN**, on January 23, 2007 at 3:06 P.M., in Room 335 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Kim Gillan, Chairman (D)
Sen. John Esp (R)
Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R)
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)
Sen. Carol C. Juneau (D)
Sen. Rick Laible (R)
Sen. Terry Murphy (R)
Sen. Jerry O'Neil (R)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)
Sen. Carol Williams (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Lynda Moss (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Leanne Heisel, Legislative Branch
Marigail Schreiner, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only.

They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 110, 1/11/2007; SB 245,
1/17/2007

Executive Action: None.

00:00:00 Opening comments by Chairman Gillan

HEARING ON SB 245

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:41 **SEN. DAN MCGEE (R), SD 29**, opened the hearing on **SB 245**, Revise local government debt limits.

EXHIBIT(los15a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:15 Alec Hanson, Montana League of Cities and Towns

00:05:45 Sen. Moss arrived.

00:08:49 Harold Blattie, Executive Director, Montana Association of Counties

Opponents' Testimony:

00:09:42 None

Informational Testimony:

00:09:49 None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:09:54 Sen. Hawks to Alec Hanson

00:11:34 Sen. O'Neil to Alec Hanson

Closing by Sponsor:

00:12:54 Sen. McGee

HEARING ON SB 110

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:15:10 **SEN. RICK LAIBLE (R), SD 44**, opened the hearing on **SB 110**, Revise land use laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:19:39 Tim Davis, Montana Smart Growth Coalition

00:22:53 Glenn Oppel, Montana Association of Realtors

00:24:49 Myra Shults, Attorney for Joint Powers Insurance
Authority

00:25:18 Linda Stoll, Montana Association of Planners

00:25:34 John Prinkki, Montana Association of Counties and
Carbon County

00:25:55 Harold Home, Butte, Montana

00:29:10 Joe Roberts, Montana Association of Land Surveyors

00:30:01 Harold Blattie, Executive Director, Montana Association
of Counties

EXHIBIT(los15a02)

00:33:33 Michael Harris, Legislative Liaison for Gallatin County

00:36:44 Alec Hanson, League of Cities and Towns

00:38:16 Janie McCall, City of Billings

00:38:53 Gordon Morris, Lewis and Clark County Commissioners

00:39:30 Dustin Stewart, Montana Building Industry's Association

00:39:50 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractors Association

Opponents' Testimony:

00:41:35 Tim Ravndahl, Townsend, Montana

Informational Testimony:

00:43:12 None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:43:23 Sen. Hawks to Tim Davis, Montana Smart Growth Coalition

00:45:55 Sen. Hawks to Michael Kakuk, Montana Association of
Realtors

00:48:10 Sen. Hawks to Myra Shults, Attorney for Joint Powers Insurance Authority

00:49:25 Sen. Moss to Sen. Laible

00:51:50 Sen. Juneau to Sen. Laible

00:52:44 Sen. Juneau to Tim Davis, Montana Smart Growth Coalition

00:55:10 Sen. Tropila to Myra Shults, Attorney for Joint Powers Insurance Authority

00:57:19 Chairman Gillan to Myra Shults, Attorney for Joint Powers Insurance Authority

01:20:58 Chairman Gillan to Myra Shults, Attorney for Joint Powers Insurance Authority

01:23:11 Chairman Gillan to Tim Davis, Montana Smart Growth Coalition

01:25:07 Sen. Gebhardt

01:25:55 Sen. Esp to Michael Kakuk, Montana Association of Realtors

01:26:48 Comment by Tim Davis, Montana Smart Growth Coalition

01:27:19 Comments by Chairman Gillan

Closing by Sponsor:

01:28:37 Sen. Laible

01:33:19 Closing comments by Chairman Gillan

01:33:55 Comments by Sen. Hawks with regard to their Sub Committee on SB 51

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:43 P.M.

SEN. KIM GILLAN, Chairman

MARIGAIL SCHREINER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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